

ing our association, we will not cast him off, but extend to him the right of brotherly love, and try to remove his superstitions, until, perchance, he may live above slavish fear of death without ceremony."

CHARITY.

MISSOURI.—A memorial from Jefferson lodge states that : In the fall or winter of 1876, Bro. James F. Edwards, a member of Excelsior lodge, located at Jackson, Mo., was temporarily resident in Jefferson city, Mo., and while there was taken seriously ill, which illness continuing for some time, his family being worn out and unable longer to attend to his necessities, the members of Jefferson lodge were called upon for watchers and nurses, which were provided, and service rendered until Bro. Edward's attending physician informed the W. M. that a regular nurse must be procured ; that the situation was serious, and changing nurses every night was injurious to the patient's welfare. A regular nurse was procured, and the officers of Jefferson lodge pledged the lodge for the payment of services rendered. The secretary of Jefferson lodge paid for such services the sum of sixteen dollars, and presented the account to the lodge for allowance in his settlement. The account was allowed and paid by Jefferson lodge, and the secretary directed to send the account to Excelsior lodge, with the request for reimbursement, &c.

No reply being received from Excelsior lodge, the memorial goes on :

Inasmuch as Jefferson lodge was compelled, a few years ago, by this Grand Lodge to reimburse Columbia lodge for services rendered, under similar circumstances, and money expended, the members thereof feel aggrieved at the conduct of Excelsior lodge, &c. &c.

Committee on above reported, which report was adopted : "That in view of all the circumstances, and the action taken by Grand Lodge in similar cases, we are of the opinion that Excelsior lodge should, without further delay, reimburse Jefferson lodge in the sum of sixteen dollars, the amount expended by Jefferson lodge in caring for Bro. James F. Edwards, a member of Excelsior lodge, while sick within the jurisdiction of said Jefferson lodge."

Your committee can hardly agree with our Missouri brethren on this question of charity. Doing benevolence at others expense is like A. Ward's being willing to sacrifice all his wife's relations.

As Masons we have no claim on a brother Mason for assistance. As Masons, however, we are bound to assist the whole human race if in distress, but more particularly a brother Mason, if worthy.

The following we heartily endorse :

ILLINOIS.—The Grand Master says : You will please bear in mind that we are not a mutual assurance association, relying upon a *quid pro quo* for perpetuity ; but a beneficent society dependent upon the manhood of its membership for the position it is to occupy as a charitable, attractive centre for man's best endeavors.

MASONIC TRAMPS.

COLORADO.—The report of the committee on appeals and grievances, which was adopted, contains the following :